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**Title** : Metallic Composite Coating for Delivery of Therapeutic  
Agents from the Surface of Implantable Devices

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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks in Response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2006 in the above referenced patent application. This response is submitted within three months of the mailing date of the Office Action, before June 14, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.